

27 BODIES ARE TAKEN FROM PIT; 119 YET BURIED

**Explosion in Illinois Shaft
Catches 302 Men, But
159 Escape.**

**WORKMEN ENTOMBED
MAY BE DROWNED**

**Shaft Will Either Be Flooded
Or Sealed To Extinguish
Blaze, Is Belief.**

Christopher, Ill., Oct. 27—27 bodies have been recovered and 159 of the 302 men entombed in Franklin Coal Coke company mine escaped. The remaining 116 miners are still in the shaft.

J. C. Mitchell, owner of the mine, says little hope for the entombed men is entertained.

The mine is still on fire and it will either be flooded or sealed.

Frantic efforts are being made by members of the mine rescue staff, who arrived here in their rescue car at 11 o'clock, and a corps of volunteers to penetrate the burning entrance.

The explosion occurred shortly after the men had descended into the west entry to start their day's work. Fifty men were waiting at the top to join the workers below when the blast occurred.

Appeals were at once made for volunteers to descend for the entombed miners. The fans were reversed and forced air into the mine, and the rescuers attempted to descend.

Their initial efforts were baffled by a rush of flames. Shortly afterwards the air from the fans forced the flames from the bottom of the shaft, and the rescuers descended, to find 15 bodies in a heap at the bottom.

Rescue work was hampered by frantic crowds of women and children, who surged about the top of the shaft. They were finally roped off by mine officials and prevented from descending into the drifts.

The rescued men were found in groups near the bottom of the shaft. Many of them are seriously burned or injured as a result of the explosion.

James Harris, a volunteer rescuer, father of Russell Harris, one of the entombed miners, descended with the first rescue crew in search of his son. He failed to find his son, but, discovering 15 dazed and injured miners in a pocket in the burning drift, led them through the mine and out an adjoining drift untouched by the flames.

The mine was one of the largest and richest in the Big Muddy district and Southern Illinois, producing the finest quality of coal in the Middle West. The shaft was comparatively new having been sunk less than 10 years ago. It was near the famous Leiter mine at years ago by an explosion charged to Zeigler, which was wrecked several persons connected with labor disturbances, while the mine was being operated by nonunion men.

DOG IS SOLD AS BEEF

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 27—The first steps in an investigation to determine whether horse and mule meat is being sold in Louisville under the guise of beef have been taken by the Jefferson County Grand Jury and the local Board of Health.

The Grand Jury indicted one butcher on the technical charge of unlawfully selling a misbranded article and the Board of Health heard the testimony of 12 butchers and dealers in an effort to learn how widespread the practice had been.

Affidavits have been placed before the board declaring that decrepit horses and mule have been slaughtered and widely sold over meat-market counters in Louisville for beef.

NO SPECIAL SESSION.

Washington, Oct. 27—President Wilson let it be known officially today that he had no intention of calling a special session of Congress after election.

There was some talk just before adjournment that an extra session might take up legislation to relieve cotton planters.

SHOOTS GIRL AND SELF.

Webb City, Mo., Oct. 27—Because she refused to go to a picture show with him, Tom Hamilton, 34 years old, shot and probably fatally wounded Ruth Summington, 15, and then turned the revolver upon himself. The shooting occurred at the home of the girl's

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FIRE THREATENS CITY OF KENNETT

**Explosion In Restaurant Starts
Blaze Which Destroys Three
Buildings.**

A disastrous fire, which for a time threatened to sweep the entire city of Kennett, broke out last night at the southeast corner of the public square, and destroyed a number of business houses before it could be subdued.

The fire originated from the explosion of a large tank of gasoline in the White Kitchen Restaurant.

The blazing liquid was thrown over every part of the building and the shock was so heavy that window lights were broken in various sections of the city. Guests seated at the tables and lunch counter of the restaurant were thrown from their chairs, and the fire spread so rapidly that in a few minutes the whole structure was enveloped in flames.

The fire department was called out, but it was unable to keep the blaze confined and before it was finally extinguished, two other buildings, the Evans Barber Shop and a pool room were completely destroyed.

The blaze spread so rapidly that none of the contents of the buildings were saved, and while no lives were lost, the guests and employees at the restaurant had bare time to escape.

Three men were badly cut by flying glass, and the windows in the big new Shelton office building directly across the street, were all shattered.

The explosion occurred at 11:15 p. m. and the fire raged for almost three hours.

The property loss runs into thousands of dollars and the insurance is reported to be small.

mother. Hamilton fired twice at Miss Summington. One bullet entered her left side, passing just under the heart. He shot himself in the stomach, but his injury, it is believed, will not result in death.

EARTH SHOCK AT TURIN.

Rome, Oct. 27—Another slight earthquake shock was felt at Turin today, and one somewhat more severe at Florence. Neither did any material damage, but the inhabitants of both cities were thrown into a panic.

PORTERFIELD'S MACHINE MIREDS Doctor Mistook Car for Mudhen and Sinks in Gumbo

In a spirit of over confidence in the pulling capacity of his automobile, Dr. John D. Porterfield, Jr., yesterday attempted to take a short route on his return from Illmo, and plough through the same swampy regions that have clogged up some of the most powerful dredging machines ever constructed.

When discovered by O. H. Sanders and Joe Statler, who chanced to be in that locality peacan hunting. Those gentlemen stated that the nose of the car was buried in the gumbo and that the mud from the rapidly revolving wheels completely concealed the driver from view, and that the spectacle resembled that of a mammoth badger attempting to burrow himself into hiding from some approaching enemy.

Finally when the wheels became so completely clogged that they could not revolve, the doctor was recognized and relief was volunteered.

A team of horses was secured and after a drag of almost two miles through a waste of mud and water, the car was again placed on a solid roadbed, and the journey finished without further difficulty.

W. H. Ellis of Poplar Bluff, transacted business in the Cape yesterday.

C. E. Page of Kennett, is a business visitor in this city.

A. L. Harper of Senath, is visiting friends in this city.

C. U. Breitschuh of St. Louis, is in the city looking after business interests.

Master Joe Lesem returned yesterday from Kennett, where he has been visiting for the past few days with his grandmother, Mrs. E. J. Wyman.

60 DAYS FOR STEALING WATCH

Deputy Sheriff W. J. Seagraves returned from St. Louis Sunday morning, having in custody H. L. Winters who was charged by Mrs. Altha Murphy with having left the city with a watch which she had loaned him and which he refused to return to her possession.

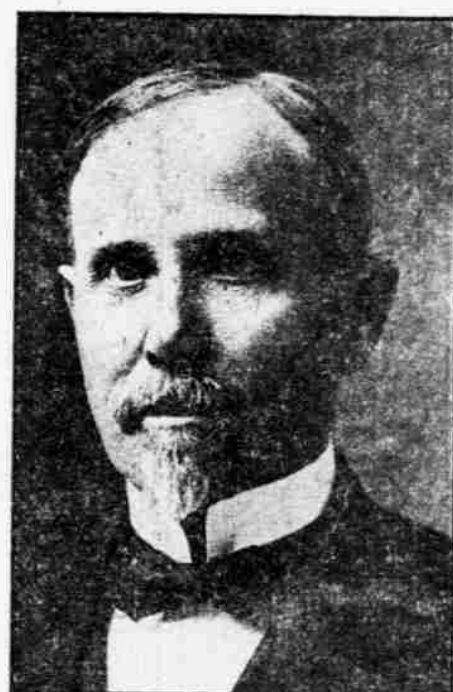
When taken before Judge Willer yesterday morning, the defendant entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to 60 days in the county jail. He was taken to Jackson yesterday afternoon by Constable Seivally and there delivered to the proper authorities.

DEMOCRACY ON TRIAL, RUSSELL TELLS BIG CROWD

**Says Party Must Win On Record
and Not On Weakness
of Adversary.**

**RECALLS NEW LAWS
DEMOCRATS PASSED**

**Congressman Tells Hearers That
Republicans Voted For Bills
and Can't Criticize Them.**



"The Democratic party is on trial," said Congressman Russell in his address at the Court House to a large audience last night, "and we should try to win on our record of twenty months in power instead of on the weakness of our adversary."

"Four million Republicans who elected Taft defeated him. Roosevelt, who was responsible for one term of Mr. Taft, condemned him at the close of that administration and polled 4,000,000 votes upon the strength of his condemnation. That is evidence enough that the country was dissatisfied with the work of the Republicans."

"The record of the Democracy has no parallel. Since Woodrow Wilson

was elected President and the Democrats took charge of the government, we have passed the Underwood tariff law, and seven Republicans and Progressives voted for it; we passed the Glass currency law, with 38 Republicans and Progressives voting for it and we enacted the Clayton trust bill, which 37 Republicans and Progressives approved with their votes.

"The income tax, when it was first taken up as an independent measure, was approved by seventy-five Republicans and Progressives in the House alone. We have passed more important laws than were enacted by the Republicans in all their years in office."

"And the Republican party has no right to criticize the work of this congress, because the measures that we drafted and passed were voted for by Republicans in both branches of Congress."

"Under the Underwood tariff law this Government collected \$31,000,000 more than was spent, during the fiscal year. Up to the time that war was declared in Europe, we were making a great record. Then, of course, our imports were reduced to the minimum."

"But the deficit under the Underwood law is not as great as it would have been were we operating under the Payne-Aldrich measure. To blame the Democratic party for the deficit in our revenue is to blame the party and Woodrow Wilson for the war in Europe."

"The tax that has been levied to make up the deficit is no greater than the Republicans levied in 1898 during the Spanish American war."

"When the Democrats went into office two years ago, the Republicans predicted that the farmer might as well go out of business. Wheat is more than twenty cents higher now than it was then and corn has increased ten cents on the bushel."

"Cotton is lower than it ordinarily is because the war has prevented shipping it away. We use about eight million bales a year and our country produces about fifteen million, and the difference between what the country consumes and the amount produced shows the number of bales unsold today."

"During my term in office I have cast 900 recorded votes, and I do not believe that my opponent, Mr. Brown, has criticized one of that number, except possibly the Underwood Bill."

"Two years ago the Republican speakers warned the people that in

case of the election of a Democratic president and congress the tariff would be reduced and the market for all farm products would be destroyed. I have somewhere in my papers a market report for July 20, 1912, where corn is quoted at 62 cents per bushel, and on the same date in 1914 the price quoted is more than 70 cents per bushel. The price has advanced on all products except cotton, and that is accounted for by the fact that there are some 15,000,000 bales of cotton grown in this country of which only 6,000,000 is consumed, the remainder being shipped to foreign markets which have been destroyed by reason of the war now raging, and I believe that with the assistance of the reserve banks soon to be in operation, that President Wilson will be enabled to relieve the cotton situation."

James Kinder, of this city, Charles Oliver of Neely's Landing, and R. K. Wilson of Jackson, accompanied Congressman J. J. Russell yesterday to Pechontas, Tilsit and Burfordville at which point Mr. Russell delivered speeches.

DON'T MARKET LAYING HENS.

Mountain Grove, Mo., Oct. 12—On account of the high price of feed and the unrest caused by the European war situation, there is some danger of the farmers and poultry raisers selling off their laying hens and pullets so closely that their profits from this branch of agriculture will be seriously affected during the next year. Upon a recent visit to Eldorado Springs, Missouri, we were told by the bankers of that city that the poultry and eggs shipped from that place amounted to more than all the receipts from the sale of horses, cattle hogs and sheep combined. And still this is a splendid stock raising section.

At other places we are told that the poultry products amount to more than the receipts from the sale of either wheat or corn, and in some places as much as both combined.

More dry goods, grocery, clothing and bills are paid by the product from the poultry yard than by most any other one thing. Our State Labor Bureau states that the surplus poultry products of the State amount to about \$50,000,000 each year. By actual test at our Missouri Poultry Experiment Station, it has been shown that a hen which has been allowed to have range will make over half her living by eat-

ing bugs, worms, grass, tender weeds, and such waste products from which the farmer would not receive anything if it was not for the hens. Such an important branch of agriculture as this should not be sacrificed by Missouri farmers because of the little advance in the price of feed.

Because of this situation there is great danger of many fine flocks, which it has taken years to breed and perfect, being sacrificed this fall and winter. This war is causing feed to advance in price, but it will also cause eggs, poultry and practically all other food products to advance in proportion. The price of eggs is going to be high beyond a doubt. The question with you ought to be, "How to get the egg." There will be a great demand next season for eggs and stock for breeding purposes. Our advice is not to decrease your flock in size so that your business will be crippled this winter or next season.

On the whole we have harvested normal grain crops this year. Beef, mutton and pork are scarce and high, and are rapidly advancing in price and continually getting scarcer. The world must depend upon the United States largely for its food stuffs. One of our own Missouri packing plants has received an order from Canada within the last few days for a million pounds of dressed poultry.

Some of this we understand is for export to England. Take courage, my friends, for if we are not mistaken the greatest opportunity that ever offered itself to American farmers lies before them within the next few years. It will take these warring nations several years to recover from the effects of the war, even if it should close now.

We don't advise over-doing the thing. We would not keep a lot of surplus males not fit for sale or for use as breeds.

Poultry Committee of the Missouri Federation of Commercial Clubs.

METHODISTS SEEK RELIEF FUND

Washington, Oct. 27—Many bishops and high officials of the Methodist Episcopal Church met here today for a three days' conference to plan raising \$5,000,000 from the Eastern Conference for support of aged widows and children of deceased pastors. Addresses will be made by Speaker Clark and about 15 bishops in behalf of the campaign.